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**Documents considered to be relevant:**

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
X	X: at least 1, 7, 9 Y: 3	US 6 064 838 A	(MINOLTA) a printing system that can identify printing cost beforehand, see abstract, see column 12 line 34 et seq, column 21 line 7 et seq figure et seq, figures 27-32
X	at least 1, 7, 9	US 5 850 584 A	(XEROX) method of determining printing job costs using print job attributes, see whole document especially column 3 line 63 et seq, column 6 line 27
X	at least 1, 7, 9	EP 1 056 030 A2	(XEROX) network printing involves calculating the cost of a print job from print attributes, see paragraph 0021 et seq
X	at least 1, 7, 9	US 5 383 129 A	(XEROX) method of estimating cost of printing materials used to print a job
Y	3	US 5 983 209 A	(E-STAMP) a method for estimating postage cost, see whole document especially column 2 lines 41-63

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